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SUBJECT: UNESCO 97 EXBD: US STATEMENT ON ISRAEL AND UNESCO

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1. STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS AT MAY 9 PROGRAM COMMISSION SESSION OF EXBD BY BOARD MEMBER SCHERER IN EXPLANATION OF US "NO" VOTE RE TWO MEETINGS OF EUROPEAN AND ARAB MEDITERRANEAN STATES ON CONVENTION FOR DEGREE-DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCY (AGENDA ITEM 4.L.L) FOR WHICH ISRAEL HAS NEVER BEEN INCLUDED IN LIST OF STATES TO ATTEND SINCE PREPARATION FOR CONFERENCE BEGAN EARLY 1973. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING UPCOMING MEETINGS PASSED IN TWO VOTES BY 27 - 1 (US) AGAINST - 1 (NORWAY) ABSTENTION AND AUSTRIA PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING. FULL TEXT OF US BOARD MEMBERS STATEMENT  
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2. CONTEXT IN WHICH US STATEMENT DELIVERED WAS ALTERED BY THREE EVENTS. FIRST WAS CONVERSATION WHICH WAS HELD WITH

ISRAELI PERMREP AT HIS REQUEST, DURING LUNCH BREAK PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF STATEMENT. SECOND WAS FACT THAT JUST BEFORE RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN-ARAB STATES BORDERING ON MEDITERRANEAN PUT TO VOTE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOBES ALTERED PARA. 5, PAGE 2 OF ANNEX 3 OF THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION ON ITEM 4.L.L SO THAT REFERENCES TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 13TH AND 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCES WERE REMOVED AND THE COUNTRIES PROPOSED FOR INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE WERE LISTED NOT ACCORDING TO REGION, BUT BY A SINGLE ALPHABETICAL LIST. FOBES EXPLAINED THAT THE REFERENCES TO THE RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT ESSENTIAL TO THE DOCUMENTATION, SINCE ORIGIN OF THE LIST WAS TO BE EXPLAINED IN A SEQUENCE OF ACTIONS STARTING WITH THE CONFERENCE OF 8 MEMBER STATES IN RABAT IN 1972 TO DRAFT A CONVENTION ON RECOGNITION OF HIGHER STUDIES OF WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN STATES. IMPLICATION WAS THAT SECRETARIAT IN PRESENTING LIST HAD NOT BEEN GUIDED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 46.1 OR BY MEMBERSHIP IN REGIONAL GROUPS. THIRD EVENT WAS BRIEF ISRAELI INTERVENTION BY MADAME LAMBERT IN WHICH SHE EMPHASIZED THAT WHEN THE SECRETARIAT HAD SENT INQUIRIES TO STATES BORDERING THE MEDITERRANEAN TO DETERMINE THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD A CONVENTION IT HAD NOT SOUGHT ISRAELI VIEWS. IMPLICATION OF THIS WAS THAT ISRAEL HAD NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THIS CONFERENCE NOT HAVING RECEIVED THE RELEVANT INFORMATION OFFICIALLY.

3. ARAB REACTION WAS MILD, AT LEAST FOR MOMENT, AND WAS LIMITED TO BRIEF REMARKS BY SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN. MOST INTERESTINGLY EGYPTIAN DID NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO US STATEMENT AND ENDED BY STATING THAT EGYPT HAD "NO OBJECTION" TO "ISRAEL" CONCLUDING A DIPLOMA-DEGREE EQUIVALENCY CONVENTION WITH EUROPEAN STATES, I.E. SEEMINGLY IMPLICIT RECOGNITION THAT ISRAEL INDEED A "STATE" ACCORDINGLY ENTITLED TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES. ON THE OTHER HAND, SYRIAN BOARD MEMBER BRIEFLY RETORTED THAT US STATEMENT ASSERTEDLY NOT AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BUT WAS A "POLITICAL SPEECH" TO WHICH RIGHT OF REPLY WAS RESERVED FOR LATER. ADOPTION BY PROGRAM COMMISSION OF ITS REPORT ON MAY 16 AND/OR FINAL PLENARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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SESSION TO APPROVE PROGRAM COMMISSION DECISIONS WILL ACCORD ARABS THE OPPORTUNITIES, IF THEY WISH, FOR EITHER STRONG REPLY OR OTHER ACTION IF THEY INTEND REOPEN ISSUE.

4. ISRAELI PERMREP (YAPOU) WAS PRESENT FOR ITEM 4.L.L AND EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE FOR US STATEMENT AND EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE LATER TO BOARD MEMBER SCHERE FOR US STATEMENT. COPY OF STATEMENT GIVEN TO YAPOU AT HIS REQUEST.

5. NORTH VIETNAM ("DRV") UNEXPECTEDLY ADDED TO STATES TO BE INVITED TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE; ALSO UNDER ITEM 4.4.L AND IN ANNEX II OF DOCUMENT 97 EX/9. "DRV" ELIGIBLE,

ACCORDING EXPLANATION OF DDG FOBES, OF MAY 7 VOTE AT WMO  
ADMITTING DRV AS MEMBER. US STATEMENT NOTED US RESERVATION  
OF FINAL POSITION. US WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFINE  
POSITION ON "DRV" ATTENDANCE AT UN CONFERENCES AT MAY 16 AND  
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